THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) The question of clearance for the Narmada Sagar and Sardar Sarovar Projects on Narmada river is being considered in the context of all the environmental impacts.

(c) and (d) Though the preliminary details have been provided on rehabilitation, catchment area treatment, command area development and compensatory afforestation, detailed Action Plans are yet to be worked out by the project authorities.

(c) the question of environmental clearance of the project will be finalised as soon as a decision is taken on the impact asstssment as set out in (a) and (b) above.

57. [*Transferred to the 6th March, 1987*].

Smuggling of synthetic fabrics from Bangladesh

58. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 'Vyapar' in its Gujarati edition dated 17th January, 1987 on page 8 had reported that a Shirt manufactured in Bangladesh from synthetic fabrics are smuggled and sold in the price range of Rs. 80 to Rs. 175 per piece;

(b) whether it is a fact that pure polyester and smuggled voils are sold at Rs. 8 per metre; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c) "Vyapar" has, in its Gujarati edition, dated 17th January, 1987, reported about sale of textiles smuggled from Bangladesh. While Government are aware of such smuggling it is not possible to give precise figure about the sale prices of smuggled goods Anti-smuggling agencies have already been alerted to check smuggling of textiles.

Fixation of minimum wages of beedi workers

59. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will he Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the States which have complied with the guidelines issued by the Central Government in regard to the fixation and revision of minimum wages of Beedi-workers; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the guide lines are not being properly followed by the State Governments with regard to the steps the Central Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) No guidelines nave been issued by the Central Government to the State Governments with regard to the wage fixation for Beedi workers.

(b) Does no arise.

Influx of foreigners in Assam

60. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:
SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government are aware that illegal influx of foreigners in the country and particularly in Assam is very high during the past few months;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government have taken any steps in this regard; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative, what are the details of the steps taken by the Central Government to stop the illegal influx of foreigners in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No. Sir. 135 infiltrators were apprehended by BSF during the year 1986 and three infiltrators during Jan. 1987 on Assam border.

(b) and (c) Do no arise. However, with a view to increasing vigilance to check infiltration, BSF is being strengthened by 54 additional battalions and additional border outposts, observations towers etc. over a five-year period on Indo-Bangladesh and Indo-Pakistan borders.

Migration of Hindus from Punjab

61. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item captioned "Hindus migrating from Punjab village" *published in the 'Indian Express' dated the* 25th January, 1987;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Central Government thereto;

(c) whether the Central Government propose to direct the Punjab Government to take steps to stop migration of Hindus from Punjab; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Government have seen the news item.

(b) to (d) The Government of Punjab have been advised to take steps to bring the migrants back to the State after assuring them the security of their life and property and to redress their grievances. It has also been suggested to state Government to provide safe shelter in the State to those migrants who do not return to their homes.

Re-assessment of danger to Taj Mahal from pollusion

62. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received any suggestions/representations in the recent past to constitute a committee of experts to reassess the danger to Taj Mahal from pollusion;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Governmen have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) No. Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Fire prevention of high rise buildings in Delhi

63. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all high rise buildings in the Capital have been brought under the purview of the Delhi Fire Prevention and Fire Safety Act;

(b) if so, what are the details of such buildings in the Capital;

(c) whether it is a fact that some high rise buildings in the Capital are not being cleared by the Chief Fire Officer according to the laws; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and what further steps have been taken by Government to check all high rise buildings in the Capital under the said Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) 194 High-rise buildings, which were constructed before June, 1983, are not having adequate fire safety/protection measures. Under the Building Bylaws 1983, it has become necessary to obtain a 'no objection certificate' from the Chief Fire Officer, before a completion certificate is granted from a building. The management of the high-rise buildings which have been found to be deficient in fire safety/protection measures, have been given a directive to make provisions like 6 mtr. approach, water storage, automatic sprinkler system, fire alarm, public address system exit signs, emergency power supply fire fighting equipment, etc. Under the Delhi Fire Prevention & Fire Safety Act, 1986, penalty of imprisonment and fine can be imposed, if the directions of the Chief Fire Officer are not carried out.